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## **MEETING MINUTES**

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### **August 27, 2009**

A meeting of the Idaho Statewide Interoperability Executive Council (SIEC) was held on this date at Gowen Field, Idaho Military Division, 4040 Guard St Boise ID 83705 Building 600 West Wing, Joint Conference Room, Basement. Chair Lockwood called the meeting to order. Attendees and guests introduced themselves. A quorum was present.

#### **Members Present:**

- Chair, R. Mark Lockwood, Idaho Chief's of Police Association
- Vice-Chair Sheriff Lorin Nielsen, Idaho Association of Sheriffs
- Michele Carreras, Proxy for Dia Gainor, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
- Steve Steiner, Proxy for William Shawver, Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security
- Greg Laragan, Idaho Transportation Department
- Joe Young, Idaho Association of Counties
- Representative Marv Hagedon, Idaho Legislature
- Mayor Shawn Larsen, Association of Idaho Cities via polycom
- Mary Halverson, BHS

#### **Others Present:**

- Dodie Collier, SIEC Program Manager (excused absence) Proxy James Brede
- Bruce Bowler, Madison County
- Lex Rutter, GeoComm
- Bob LaRose, Raytheon
- David Bremson, Raytheon
- Matt Howarth, Motorola
- Brad Coughenour, Kootenai County
- Kirby Ortiz, Gem State Comm
- Char Nelson, Blaine County
- Gene Ramsey, Blaine County
- Carl Radar, Ada County Sheriff's Office
- Lorraine Elfering, Canyon Cty SO
- Todd Herrera, Canyon Cty SO
- Ward Nolan, BHS
- Mickey Flores, Gem State Comm
- Sheriff Chris Smith, Canyon County

#### **Welcome/Introductions**

Mark Lockwood, SIEC Chair

#### **Review & Approve June Minutes**

**MOTION:** To approve June 25 2009 draft minutes. Steiner moved, Nielsen seconded – the vote was unanimous.

#### **Governance Subcommittee Update – District Governance Meetings - Joe Young, Chair**

Young told the Council that the Governance Subcommittee had finished its goal of document development and delivery to the SIEC for approval. The Subcommittee delivered its Governance Kick Off meeting to Districts (D) 5 & 6 in August, and will deliver the same to D 1 & 2 in September and D 3 & 4 in October. The D5 Co-Chairs are Bannock County Sheriff Nielsen and Bannock County Deputy Chief Mike Sanders.

**Bureau of Homeland Security Update – Steve Steiner, BHS Deputy Director, Interoperable Communications for Bill Shawver, BHS Director**

Steiner presented a PowerPoint titled “Strategic Map for Interoperable Communications”. The presentation outlined:

- ECC-PSECGC-SIEC Partnership
- Statewide Governance Layers
- Statewide Interoperable Coordinator Office (SWIC)
- Regional Emergency Communications Coordination Working Group (RECCWG)

In addition Steiner gave an update on the microwave system upgrades and upgrades to the Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs). He also reported on the formation of a Project Management Office (PMO) within BHS.

**Chair Update – Mark Lockwood**

FCC Request for Comment regarding Reallocation of D Block

The Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (Bureau) seeks public comment by October on thirteen petitions for waiver filed by various entities (Petitioners) seeking authority to deploy public safety broadband systems on a local or regional basis in the 10 megahertz of 700 MHz public safety broadband spectrum currently licensed to the Public Safety Spectrum Trust (PSST) (763-768/793-798 MHz). In seeking comment, the FCC seeks to develop a record that will enable the Commission to explore the full range of alternatives for addressing the waiver requests, while also avoiding prejudgment of pending issues in the Commission’s rulemaking proceeding addressing the 700 MHz D Block and public safety broadband allocations; reference FCC website <http://www.fcc.gov/> : **PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON PETITIONS FOR WAIVER TO DEPLOY 700 MHZ PUBLIC SAFETY BROADBAND NETWORKS PS Docket No. 06-229**

The FCC is looking at turning the D Block back over to public safety following the failed auction. One important issue in regard to the FCC’s issue is the money owed Idaho’s counties, cities and tribes for rebanding the FCC made necessary last year; Idaho’s amount is approximately \$1 million dollars which was to be reimbursed by revenue generated through the auction of the D Block by the FCC. The SIEC and its partners believe this to be a very important matter. Once he reviews and approves the letter, Lockwood would like a copy sent to Idaho’s Congressional delegation, the Governor, the Speaker pro-tem, and the affected disciplines in Idaho.

*Blaine County Report:* Char Nelson reported that the County has completed Phase I of its interoperable communications project with 2 of its 3 sites up. The sites have been tested successfully. The County has secured funding for subscriber units.

*Kootenai County Report:* Brad Coughenour reported that the County is in its building process and 2 sites are being tested. The microwave upgrade to deliver data is progressing. Fiber has been installed in conjunction with ITD. The realization of radio, fiber and microwave will greatly enhance the County’s communications capability.

*Canyon County Report:* Lorraine Elfering reported that the County is building out 4 sites, with 2 ready now. They are working on shelters for the sites and preparing talk groups. Canyon County Fire Services have collectively applied for a grant to purchase subscriber units.

**MOTION:** To address a letter to the FCC from the SIEC voicing Idaho’s concern on re-allocation of the D Block. Nielsen moved, Laragan seconded – the vote was unanimous.

**Other Business - Open Comment Period**

Lockwood reported that BHS is looking at applying for funds under the *Operation Stonegarden* grant. These funds are designated for international Border States; for Idaho they would be applied to the northern most port-of-entry.

Adjourn: 1030

**Next Meeting – Thursday October 22 2009, 0900-1200 Hrs NEW Location:** Idaho Military Division  
Gowen Field 4040 Guard St Boise ID 83705 **Building 600 West Wing - Joint Conference Room,  
Basement**